



Niagara Orleans School Board Association (NOSBA)
March 2026 Notes: Meeting Cancelled due to low attendance

1. Minutes February 2026 Meeting: [Click for February 2026 Minutes NOSBA](#)

2. Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 3/25/26 - \$10,891.16 - checking \$5.00 savings

3. Old Business

- Bank Account Update - We were able to obtain an EIN number and open the checking and savings accounts at Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union. We had to open a savings account in order to open the checking account. We just put the minimum 5.00 in the savings account. The signatories are Danielle Mullen (Treasurer), Ashley Preisch (Clerk), and Beth Pyskaty (President). Each check requires two of the three signatories. Danielle, Ashley, and Beth all can see balances at any time. As soon as checks arrive we will pay BOCES printing bill as well as pay for breakfast once we are invoiced. Also Ashley will submit all of her hours to be approved for the next meeting.

- Prospective Board Members Training
Discussion: We did have 2 people inquire about training last week.
Please be thinking so we can have a discussion in April:

Do we want to shift training to different part of the year to get people thinking ahead about running for school board? Fall? Maybe in January? How could we get information out to a larger audience?

- May 7th Program
 - Venue : ONBOCES Training Center - Sanborn. Building permit is secured.
 - Advertisements: Ashley sent out the flyer to all clerks to give to BOE members and superintendents.
 - Program Details: Patrick Longo will present: "From Good to Great -8 Key Things ALL Great Boards Do That Foster Student Achievement" [Click for Flyer](#)
 - Food Arrangements: Leslie is taking care of the catering. We are going to use the same caterer as last May. Kathy, Danielle, and Susan have volunteered to help the night of the event. I will have Ashley do name tags for the event and she is keeping track of the RSVP for the event. We will get numbers to Leslie for food closer to the event.

4. New Business

August Mixer:

Venue : The Wilson House Restaurant - 300 Lake St. Wilson, NY

Program Details: I had an idea to float. I did ask the opinion of Dr. Croft and Dr. Calvin to see if they thought districts would want to participate. I saw them both last night at the PTA dinner.

Idea: **“NOSBA: Show and Tell”** - We could have the program set up like stations or centers. Districts could volunteer to have a table set up to showcase a program that they think would benefit other districts.

Ex. Lockport - Dr. Calvin did a great presentation last night at the PTA dinner and in it he showcased the “Literacy Nights” held in Lockport. They could give information and ideas for other districts to create or add to existing programs. Both Dr. Calvin and Dr. Croft were supportive of the idea.

Ex. Starpoint - Starpoint MS has an awesome program called “Game Changers”. It basically uses the model of Unified Sports and Youth Activation Committee from the HS to bring a program to foster inclusivity and relationship building among students of all abilities in the school community.

Ex. Roy-Hart - They have a fantastic Ag program they could showcase.

I am sure each district has something that they would love to share. The mission of NOSBA is to collaborate and support each other to support all students. If we could get 4-5 districts and BOCES to participate it would be good.

We could also pick another topic from the list Peter has or find another speaker.

- **Additional Event Ideas:**

I would love to have an event for Ex Officio Members pairing the outgoing members with the incoming members along with their mentors. June gets crazy for kids, especially seniors, so maybe an event sometime in July? Maybe a cookout and then have a discussion to talk about experiences and best practices. I wanted to throw it out for feedback.

Another opportunity we could offer is training on Open Meetings Law. NYS will do free training to update and educate on the law. There have been changes. It is free from them to do the training. They will also do FOIL request training we could extend out to district personnel.

October Resolution Dinner/Meeting: Prior to delegate voting give districts the opportunity to discuss proposed amendments.

- **Board of Education (BOE) Presentations**

Starpoint has asked me to do a presentation about NOSBA during their April meeting.

I would be happy to do a presentation for any district.

If you have comments or suggestions please respond to the group. Our next meeting will be April 22, 2026.

